LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Arms Regulation.

READ—

Letter No. Per. 66, dated 10th April 1926, from the Inspector-General of Police, submitting a report on the working of the Mysore Arms Regulation and the rules framed thereunder, for the Calendar year 1925.

ORDER No. P. 5590-99—POLICE 193-25-2, DATED 1ST MAY 1926.

Recorded.

2. The inspection of shops continued to be unsatisfactory in the Shimoga District, as many as 17 shops having been left uninspected during the year. The District Magistrate, Shimoga, is requested to see that all the shops in the District are inspected in the current year.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

ANNEXURE.

No. Per 66-E—4, Pol. 193-25-1, dated the 10th April 1926, from P. F. Bowring, Esq., J.P., Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore City, to B. Nagappa, Esq., Bar-at-Law, Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Local and Legislative Departments.

I have the honor to report as follows on the working of the Mysore Arms Regulation, and the rules framed thereunder for the Calendar year 1925.

2. The attached statement No. I gives the total number and description of licenses issued during the year under the various forms as compared with those of the preceding year. It is seen therefrom that a total of 20,950 licenses were issued during the year, as against 20,766 in the previous year, showing a net increase of 184 licenses.

The increase is mostly under Forms IV and VII, and is in the Districts of Bangalore, Tumkur, Hassan and Shimoga the largest increase, *viz.*, 317 is in the Tumkur District, next come Hassan, Bangalore and Shimoga with 278, 172 and 156 respectively. But in Form VI, there is a large decrease of 263 licenses and is in the Districts of Kolar and Kadur, the former alone being responsible for as many as 255 licenses.

3. Statement No. II appended gives the number of licensed dealers in sulphur, their stock and the purposes for which sulphur was chiefly used during the year.

One hundred and ten persons were licensed to deal in sulphur as against 114 in the previous year. The stock of sulphur on hand with these dealers at the beginning of the year was 10 tons, 17 cwts. and 16½ lbs. or 1 cwt. 3 qrs. and 13⅜ lbs. less than the closing balance on the 31st December 1924. Sulphur is reported to have been issued for the preparation of fire works and medicines.

4. No. III Statement furnishes the number of shops licensed in Forms II and III, and the result of their inspection by the Police and Magistracy. The total number of shops licensed during both the years 1925 and 1924 was the same, *viz.*, 143. Of these, Police Inspectors inspected 72 shops, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police 84, and Magistrates 82, and the total number of shops left wholly uninspected during the year was 18 as against 29 in the year previous.

The inspection during the year is comparatively better than that of the previous year.

5. During the year under report, 51 persons were prosecuted in 52 cases including cases and persons pending at the beginning of the year, for violation of the provisions of the Mysore Arms Regulation and the Rules framed thereunder. Of these, 41 persons in as many cases were convicted, six cases involving six persons ended in acquittal or discharge, and the remaining five cases were pending at the close of the year.

6. Neither arms nor ammunition were manufactured in any of the Districts except Bangalore, where eight arms are reported to have been manufactured during the year.

7. The delay in the submission of this report is due to the non-receipt in time of the District reports, which were received in this office on the dates noted in the margin with incomplete information in some instances.

1. Bangalore, 24th February 1926
2. Kolar, 21st March 1926
3. Tumkur, 10th March 1926
4. Mysore, 15th March 1926
5. Hassan, 11th March 1926
6. Shimoga, 6th March 1926
7. Kadur, 10th February 1926
8. Chitaldrug, 7th March 1926

No. I.—Statement showing the number and description of licenses issued by the District Magistrates in the State for the year 1925 and the previous year.

Nature of licenses issued	Number issued for the previous year			Number issued for the year under report			Variations as compared with the preceding year	
	Total number of licenses issued	Number of arms covered by the licenses issued		Total number of licenses issued	Number of arms covered by the licenses issued		Increase in the number of licenses issued	Decrease in the number of licenses issued
		Fire arms	Other arms		Fire arms	Other arms		
1. License to transport arms, ammunition or Military Stores, etc., (Form I).	12	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	3	.....
2. License to manufacture, convert or sell or to keep for sale arms, etc., (Form II).	53	497	15	48	492	15	.....	5
3. License to keep and sell arms or ammunition or Military Stores (Form III).	113	192	10	107	190	10	.....	6
4. License to possess arms and ammunition and to go armed, etc., (Form IV.)	17,817	18,803	135	18,124	15,587	134	807	.....
5. License to go armed on a journey (Form V)	24	25	.....	9	9	.....	.....	15
6. License to possess fire arms, ammunition or Military Stores (Form VI)	274	.....	.....	11	11	.....	.....	263
7. License to possess arms and ammunition for the purposes of destroying wild animals (Form VII).	2,473	2,269	.....	2,686	2,687	.....	163	.....
Total ...	20,766	21,286	160	20,950	18,926	159	473	289

No. II.—Statement showing the number of licensed dealers in Sulphur, their stock and the purpose for which Sulphur was sold during the year 1925.

District	Number of licenses issued or in force				Quantities for which licenses were issued				Stock of Sulphur												Opening balance	Closing balance	General purpose for which sulphur was sold, or used	Remarks
			1925						Balance on 1st January 1925				Purchased or Imported during 1925				Sold during 1925				Balance on 31st December 1925							
	1923	1924	Old	New	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.				
Bangalore ...	29	36	25	...	17	...	...	12	4	8	2	18	5	3	2	22	5	13	...	$15\frac{13}{13}$	3	19	...	$19\frac{3}{13}$	...	...		
Kolar ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Tumkur ...	10	10	10	1	6	4	...	12	1	1	3	$14\frac{12}{26}$	...	4	2	$1\frac{1}{4}$	...	13	...	$13\frac{11}{26}$	...	13	1	$2\frac{3}{26}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	...		
Mysore ...	9	10	10	1	19	13	2	3	1	2	...	$16\frac{1}{2}$	3	12	3	$24\frac{1}{2}$	3	17	1	$26\frac{17}{26}$	...	17	2	$14\frac{3}{26}$	...	...		
Hassan ...	10	8	8	2	2	6	3	8	...	6	2	24	...	19	1	...	...	8	...	21	...	17	3	8	...	...		
Shimoga ...	25	26	26	...	6	9	...	2	1	1	1	$19\frac{1}{4}$	...	12	3	$24\frac{1}{2}$	...	17	2	$22\frac{1}{4}$	...	16	2	16	—0-1-3-13	...		
Kadur ...	20	19	19	1	1	8	2	4	...	18	...	$8\frac{1}{4}$	1	...	...	4	1	7	1	$16\frac{1}{2}$	...	10	2	24	...	...		
Chitaldrug ...	7	8	7	...	6	18	1	16	1	18	1	$9\frac{1}{2}$	1	17	1	18	2	10	...	$11\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	2	16	...	...		
Total ...	111	114	105	5	60	...	1	1	10	17	...	$16\frac{1}{8}$	13	10	3	$10\frac{2}{26}$	15	7	...	$15\frac{13}{26}$	9	...	3	$10\frac{13}{13}$	...	...	Fire works and Medicines.	

No. III.—Statement showing the number of shops licensed under the Rules issued under the Mysore Arms Regulations which have been inadequately inspected by Police Officers and Magistrates.

District	Number of shops licensed in Forms II and III		Number of omissions in which Inspectors of Police have failed to inspect in								Number of omission on the part of				Number of shops left wholly uninspected during the year	
			First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Superior Officers of Police		The Magistracy			
	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925
1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
Bangalore ...	36	29	32	22	22	8	26	7	26	5	1	1	36	15	1	1
Kolar ...	2	2	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	2	...	...
Tumkur ...	14	15	7	2	5	8	6	8	6	9	9	...	5	4	3	...
Mysore ...	10	11	10	11	7	10	9	9	6	6	3	2	7	1	1	...
Hassan ...	8	13	5	11	5	7	5	10	...	4	4	1	3	4	...	...
Shimoga ...	42	41	38	38	37	29	36	32	28	28	35	33	26	35	18	17
Kadur ...	20	22	17	22	16	22	16	19	14	17	20	22	6	...	6	...
Chitaldrug ...	11	10	11	...	11	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	11	...	...	...
Total ...	143	143	120	108	103	86	103	87	85	71	72	59	96	61	29	18

No. IV.—Districtwar statement showing the number and description of licenses issued under the Mysore Arms Regulation during the year 1925 and the previous year.

District	Number I License to transport arms and ammunition, etc.		Number II License to manufacture arms, ammunition or Military Stores		Number III License to keep and sell arms, ammunition or Military Stores		Number IV License to possess arms and to go armed for purposes of sport, etc.		Number V License to go armed on a journey		Number VI License to possess fire arms or ammunition or Military Stores		Number VII License to possess arms and ammunition for the purpose of destroying wild animals		Total	
	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925	1924	1925
1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
Bangalore ...	...	...	4	4	36	25	2,631	2,806	23	7	...	...	...	...	2,694	2,842
Kolar ...	...	...	1	1	2	2	3,153	2,746	...	1	255	...	...	...	3,411	2,750
Tumkur ...	...	...	4	4	10	11	1,919	2,236	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,933	2,251
Mysore ...	...	...	2	1	10	11	1,118	1,043	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,120	1,055
Hassan ...	...	...	6	7	8	9	1,716	1,991	...	...	...	...	4	1	1,761	2,005
Shimoga ...	...	...	16	15	26	26	2,281	2,397	...	...	...	...	2,253	2,421	4,526	4,849
Kadur ...	12	15	20	16	16	16	3,634	3,605	...	...	19	11	204	198	3,905	3,861
Chitaldrug ...	...	...	...	...	8	7	1,416	1,310	1	1	...	...	12	16	1,436	1,334
Total ...	12	15	58	48	113	107	17,817	18,124	24	9	274	11	2,473	2,636	20,766	20,950